

ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS
NOT DESIGNATED FOR PUBLICATION
LARRY D. VAUGHT, JUDGE

DIVISION I

CACR05-1345

January 17, 2007

JOSEPH H. BELL

APPELLANT

APPEAL FROM THE GREENE
COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
[CR2004-246]

V.

HON. DAVID N. LASER,
CIRCUIT JUDGE

STATE OF ARKANSAS

APPELLEE

AFFIRMED; MOTION TO
WITHDRAW GRANTED

On July 7, 2004, the State filed a one-count felony information against appellant Joseph H. Bell alleging that he raped a minor. The court found Bell guilty and sentenced him to twenty years' imprisonment in the Arkansas Department of Correction. Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), and Rule 4-3(j) of the Rules of the Arkansas Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, Bell's counsel has filed a motion to withdraw on grounds that the appeal is without merit. This motion is accompanied by an abstract and brief addressing everything in the record that might arguably support an appeal.

The clerk of our court furnished Bell with a copy of his counsel's brief and notified him of his right to file a list of pro se points of appeal within thirty days. Bell filed a brief

containing arguments that are either premature or not preserved for direct appeal. The State submitted a brief responding to the issues raised by Bell.

From our review of the record and the briefs presented to us, we find compliance with Rule 4-3(j) and that the appeal is without merit. Accordingly, counsel's motion to be relieved is granted, and the judgment of conviction is affirmed.

Affirmed.

Motion to Withdraw as Counsel granted.

GLADWIN and GLOVER, JJ., agree